

and best man commented that John Adler really did believe that worrying was just a waste of time. He believed that any setback was an opportunity for something good to happen.

Friends remembered that after he had been defeated but Congress was still in session for another 2 months, he continued diligently to work here in Congress. As they said, he wanted to make sure that he made it to all of the caucus meetings on time. He wanted to continue to make the right votes for the people of New Jersey.

His brother-in-law commented that playing knowledge games against John was like playing against Google. He recalled John's near-brush with "Jeopardy" fame that fizzled after the former Congressman paid, out of his own pocket, to fly for a taping to the television program. He made it to the makeup room, and one of the functionaries asked in a formal sense whether John knew anyone who worked for ABC. And John said, Well, yes, he thought one of his law school classmates had taken a job with a station. And the producers said that was it; he couldn't participate.

Said his brother-in-law: You mean you flew all the way out to California on your own dime? Why on Earth would you tell them that? And John replied, because I didn't want to lie.

Shelley, John's wife, is an accomplished, lovely person. And there is every indication that their sons are as bright and public spirited as their parents. This is a real loss for many of us, as well as for the people of New Jersey.

I ask that the Members of the House join me in extending our sympathy and condolences to John's family and friends and his many admirers.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN ADLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 17 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker; and I want to continue making this tribute and joining my colleagues, Congressman LANCE and Congressman HOLT, in this tribute this evening to John Adler, a good friend and one of our colleagues.

I don't want to repeat some of the things that my colleagues have already said, but I would like to talk a little bit about some instances of my own life that also involved John.

I think Mr. LANCE mentioned how difficult his political life was in the sense that he was always running in areas that were primarily or historically Republican. When he was elected to the State senate back in the early 1990s, he won in an upset against an incumbent. Of course, when he ran for the congressional seat which adjoins mine in the south in Ocean County, he was very much running against the odds. That seat had been held by Con-

gressman Saxton, who was also a good friend for many years, and was Republican as far back as anyone can remember. And he still won. I think he won by 51 or 52 percent of the vote. He just always faced challenges like that.

It was mentioned when he was growing up that his father died also of a heart condition at a young age, I think 47 years old; and I don't even know if John was in high school at that time. He would often talk on the campaign trail about growing up and having to depend on Social Security benefits, and he was able to relate to people because of his upbringing, those who were struggling and those who had a hard time because maybe they had lost a father or didn't have a parent or grew up in circumstances where they didn't have much money.

I think that the energy and the willingness to always take on the fight very much characterized John. As was mentioned, he really was one of the smartest people that I have ever met. I remember on another occasion when we were at a campaign event and I was introducing him, and I mentioned he graduated undergraduate from Harvard University and then went on to Harvard law school and how impressed I was with that. After the event was over, he came up to me and said, Frank, don't mention I went to Harvard; I have to be humble. And that certainly doesn't indicate any kind of humility if you mention Harvard. Not that he wasn't proud of it, he certainly was, and he had reason to be.

But he always wanted to relate to the average person, to the middle class person, to the little guy because that was his upbringing. That is what he was really all about. That is why he wanted to come to Congress.

As Mr. LANCE mentioned, anybody who graduates from Harvard undergraduate and law school could easily spend the rest of their life making money and doing well financially, but he decided he wanted to go into politics. He wanted to help people. And even if it meant he had to run in a district and work hard and raise a lot of money to campaign in order to win, he was determined to do that because he really believed that that is what life is all about, giving back, giving to the public, giving back to his country.

I want to just mention a couple of other things that I thought were kind of interesting. John would always talk about his family. I don't know how long it takes to go back and forth to where he lived in Cherry Hill exactly, probably a couple of hours, maybe a little more, but he was always determined to go back and forth as much as possible. Even when he was here, in order to make sure that he was able to help his family and not spend a lot of money, he would spend the night in his office because he wanted to make sure that he had enough money to pay for his family.

He always talked about his kids; he talked about their education. He was

so proud of the fact of where they were going to college and talked to me many times about them and their education and wanted to go back home so he could go to an athletic event with them or just be with them and his wife, Shelley.

The one thing that everyone comments about is not only John's humility but also his sense of humor. I have to tell you that many times I would come to the floor and sometimes I always remember him over in that set of chairs or standing up in that part of the House floor. I would always come up to him and ask him if he wanted to do a 1-minute Special Order or if he wanted to do this or that. I was always nagging him to do different things. And sometimes he would do, and sometimes he wouldn't; but he would always tell a joke. He always would make me laugh.

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I have to be honest that oftentimes after a long day here in the House of Representatives, that's really what you need. You need someone to tell a joke or to make you laugh with his wit, with his sense of humor. It was a very special thing. I'm not sure that I can really describe it well.

Also, on the campaign trail, JON RUNYAN, his successor in Congress, was here speaking the other night. You couldn't help when you saw John Adler and JON RUNYAN together, Jon is this huge guy, a football player, big, tall, and, of course, John Adler was so slight. He always exercised. I don't even know how much he weighed, but he was very slight. The contrast between them was sort of interesting. John would always poke fun at that as well, the fact that he was a slight guy and that JON RUNYAN was such a big guy as a football player.

I heard Mr. LANCE talk about Ocean County and John representing Ocean County. I can't help but mention one aspect of that, and that is the fact that when he first was running in Ocean County, because I used to represent it at one time, he would remark to me about how beautiful it was, how wonderful the beaches were, and he was very concerned to preserve the quality of the beaches, the quality of the ocean, and also protect the industries that used them, particularly the fishing industry. There was an organization called the Recreational Fishing Alliance that was very supportive of John because he was very concerned about the fishing industry. It was historically part of Ocean County and part of New Jersey going back to even Colonial times, and that he felt he had a special role to play in trying to protect the industry.

They appreciated it. Fishermen, maybe unlike some people, they can kind of see whether you're really on their side and whether you really are truly supportive of them and understand their concerns. They understood that John did, and they really appreciated all the help that he gave them.

I know our time is running out. I did want to first recognize my colleague, Mr. PASCRELL, and then after that, I wanted to read a statement from former Governor Jon Corzine into the record because he had asked that I do that this evening.

At this point I would yield to my colleague from New Jersey.

Mr. PASCRELL. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I really am honored to be on the floor with two great congressmen, Congressman PALLONE and Congressman LANCE. I know the three of us served in the New Jersey legislature. John Adler was a great New Jersey Senator. He was everything but a Harvard man. In other words, he didn't act like a Harvard man. You could connect with him. He was a human being, above everything else. He was tenacious on the campaign trail, but he was more valuable as a public servant. He took what he did very seriously. He was sincere, very hardworking. He did his homework before each vote. He would never allow anyone to lead him by the nose to vote. Very independent thinker. Not unlike PALLONE and LANCE. He was not a Trenton guy. He was not a Washington guy. He came here to do a job.

I could not believe when I heard the news, a 51-year-old young man. Compared to me he's a young man. He had so much to give and he gave it. He really loved the public that he served. He will be greatly missed by Democrats and Republicans on this floor. To his wife, Shelley, and their four beautiful sons, Jeff, Alex, Andrew, and Oliver, you have friends here. This is by no means the end.

Growing up in Haddonfield and coming to Washington, it was no difference to John Adler. He truly loved his fellow man. He truly did what he was supposed to do here on his mission. Folks voted him here. Even when things didn't go well in the last election, he rose above. He was a winner in every sense of the word. God bless him. God bless our beautiful State. God bless the best country in the world. We remember John Adler this evening with fond memory.

Thank you, FRANK.

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you, my colleague.

I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, that former Governor Corzine, who worked with John Adler for many years on judicial and law enforcement issues while Adler served in the State senate as chairman of the Judiciary Committee and Corzine, of course, was the Governor at the time, he asked that I read this statement on the passing of Congressman John Adler:

"Congressman John Adler was a dedicated public servant whose wit, intelligence, and drive enriched the public debate in both the New Jersey statehouse and in our Nation's capital. For nearly half his life, Congressman Adler committed himself to the truly noble idea that our government and our great country can be a force for good in the lives of so many citizens.

"Today, we owe a debt of gratitude to Shelley Adler for sharing John with countless New Jerseyans who, whether they know it or not, are better off because of her loving and generous husband.

"John's true legacy, however, as Shelley would certainly attest, is found in four wonderful boys who will undoubtedly enrich their communities with the same spirit of compassion and commitment to the greater good found in their father.

"While we mourn John's passing, may we also celebrate him by remembering that our own lives are defined by those moments when we decide to stop and help someone else."

Those are the comments by former Governor Corzine.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Congressman HOLT before mentioned some of the statements that were made by friends and relatives at John Adler's funeral this afternoon in Cherry Hill. I did want to, if I could, just take a couple of excerpts here, as I know we only have a few minutes left, that I would like to enter into the RECORD, some parts of the narrative of the funeral that are mentioned in PolitickerNewJersey.com.

It starts out by saying:

They came Wednesday to honor the memory of John Adler, a New Jersey exemplar, a self-made man of Horatio Alger levels, a man of law, a family man, and a man of the people.

Rabbi Jerome David said, "John died—too soon, too young—after a 3-week battle in the hospital surrounded by his family, surrounded by a very dedicated circle of friends. But he died knowing he used his intelligence and skills to help people—to really make a difference."

Another rabbi spoke of his humble leadership, reading a passage in Hebrew and translating to English: "It is not the position that honors the man; rather it is the man who has honored the position. He saw himself as a public servant in the best sense." The rabbi recalled a particular moment that exemplified John's *joie de vivre*, when the Harvard-schooled pol would exit a stage—ignoring completely the half-stack of steps attached to the side—and he would bound off the front onto the people's floor.

Two of his sons spoke at the funeral. The eldest, Andrew, emotionally recalled how much his father would get from doing the mundane family things, like attending soccer games, yelling some absurdity onto the field at tense moments. "I will always miss him," his son said. "But I know he was always proud of the ones he loved."

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, the rabbi concluded the ceremony with a poem that ends:

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your hearts and share with me

God wanted me now, he set me free.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4. An act to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reports that on March 30, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1079. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1065. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus thuringiensis* eCry3.1Ab Protein in Corn; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0609; FRL-8866-5] received March 10, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1066. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Commercial Items (DFARS Case 2008-D011) (RIN: 0750-AG23) received March 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1067. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Ownership or Control by a Foreign Government (DFARS Case 2010-D010) (RIN: 0750-AG78) received March 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1068. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003] received March 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.